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OUR SCHOOLS

The Latest News from Perth Amboy Public Schools



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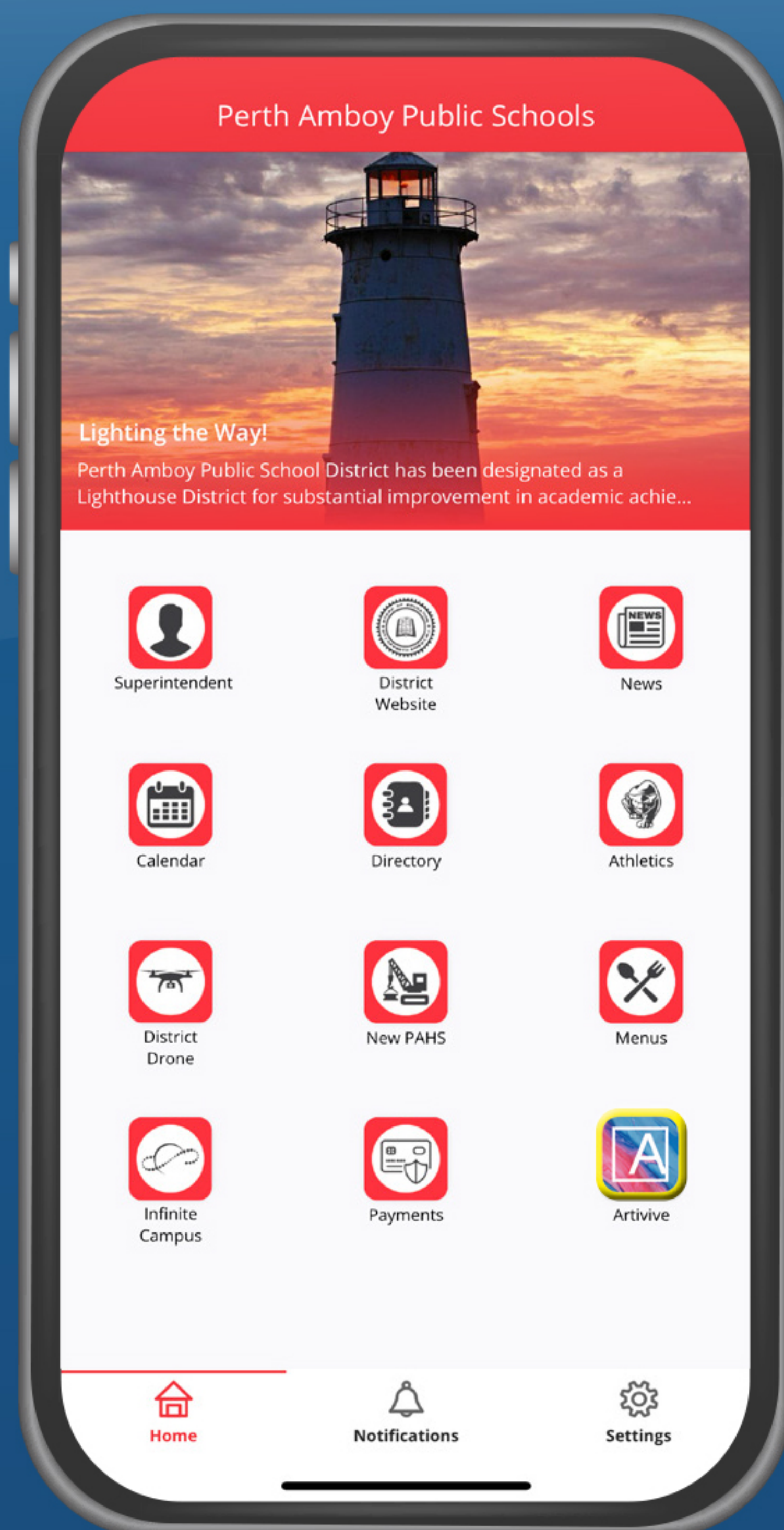
New District App & Usability

Nueva Aplicación del Distrito y su Usabilidad

Dr. David A. Roman, Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Courtney Pepe, Director of Information and Instructional Technology & Mr. Ojilvis Nuñez, Public Information Manager

The Perth Amboy Public School District has launched a District app that will provide parents and the community with a wealth of valuable information for everyone to stay current and connected. *With this user-friendly app, parents can access the latest District news, the Infinite Campus Parent Portal, the lunch application form, the District calendar, and other school-related information. The app provides real-time insights into your child's experiences and will help build a bridge between the District and the community. Download the District app from the App Store or Google Play Store today!*

Las Escuelas Públicas de Perth Amboy han introducido una aplicación que le permitirá a todos los miembros de la comunidad escolar estar informados, actualizados y conectados. *Con esta aplicación fácil de usar, los padres podrán acceder a las últimas noticias del Distrito, al Portal de Padres de Infinite Campus, la solicitud de almuerzo y el calendario escolar del Distrito, entre otra información relacionada con la escuela de su hijo/a. La aplicación también proporcionará información en tiempo real sobre las experiencias de su hijo/a y ayudará a construir un puente entre el Distrito y la comunidad. ¡Descargue ya nuestra aplicación desde el App Store o Google Play Store!*



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A Message from the Superintendent of Schools

Un Mensaje del Superintendente de Escuelas

Dr. David A. Roman, Superintendent of Schools

The new Perth Amboy High School is set to open early Spring 2024 and signifies *La Promesa* made to students at the onset of this ambitious project. This current Time Capsule Edition of the *Our Schools* newsletter provides a historical timeline of what has transpired over the past decade as we set course to build a new home for our high school students. This special edition provides a glimpse into the past and a look into the future, and it stands as an example of our collective resolve and commitment to the students of this community. Additionally, it symbolizes our united work as a school community in creating something auspicious for the students of Perth Amboy. It is our sincere hope that this remarkable school building will nurture our students to experience a rigorous curriculum within a robust educational learning environment supported through the exploration of their creativity, and their hopes and dreams for this world. *This landmark facility was designed with students and the larger community in mind. The end result of our joint endeavor is the design of the largest high school ever built by the New Jersey Schools Development Authority. This approximate 590,000 sq. ft. building with an estimated cost of \$300,000,000 is a majestic educational environment that will provide vibrant learning opportunities for students to achieve academic excellence while working towards fulfilling their individual destiny. Throughout the past decade, we have focused on establishing an educational environment which will not only serve as a school community for our high school students, but also as a setting where the larger community can come together to celebrate all that the historic City of Perth Amboy has to offer for years to come. The creation of this stunning school community that overlooks the Freedom Tower in New York City from its multi-media center would not have been possible without the many dedicated team members who have been essential in developing and cultivating the new high school.* The planning for this state-of-the-art historic educational institution is the result of years of hard work and commitment by many educators, Board of Education members, and various community members. We are grateful to everyone who has contributed in some way to this new high school for the students of Perth Amboy. **The Perth Amboy Public School District is proud of this monumental achievement and extols every person who has made the construction of this high school possible.**

La nueva Escuela Secundaria de Perth Amboy abrirá sus puertas a principios de la primavera de 2024 y representa *La Promesa* hecha a los estudiantes al inicio de este ambicioso proyecto. Esta edición especial del boletín de *Nuestras Escuelas*, la "Edición de la Cápsula del Tiempo," proporciona un recuento de lo que ha sucedido durante la última década a medida que construimos un nuevo hogar para nuestros estudiantes de secundaria. Esta edición especial del boletín ofrece una mirada hacia el pasado y hacia el futuro mientras ejemplifica nuestra determinación y compromiso con los estudiantes de esta comunidad. Además, simboliza nuestro trabajo colectivo como comunidad escolar en la creación de algo auspicioso para los estudiantes de Perth Amboy. Esperamos sinceramente que este edificio escolar nutra a nuestros estudiantes para que experimenten un plan de estudio riguroso dentro de un sólido entorno de aprendizaje educativo respaldado por la exploración de su creatividad, y sus esperanzas y sueños para este mundo. *Esta instalación emblemática fue diseñada pensando en los estudiantes y la comunidad en general. El resultado final de nuestro esfuerzo conjunto es el diseño de la escuela secundaria más grande jamás construida por la Autoridad de Desarrollo Escolar de Nueva Jersey. Este edificio de aproximadamente 590,000 pies cuadrados con un costo estimado de \$300,000,000 es un majestuoso centro educativo que brindará oportunidades de aprendizaje vibrantes y sólidas donde los estudiantes podrán alcanzar la excelencia académica mientras trabajan para cumplir sus anhelos personales. A lo largo de la última década, nos hemos centrado en establecer un entorno educativo que no solo sirva como una comunidad escolar para nuestros estudiantes de secundaria, sino también como un entorno donde la comunidad en general pueda reunirse para celebrar todo lo que la histórica ciudad de Perth Amboy tiene para ofrecer a sus residentes en los años por venir. La creación de esta impresionante comunidad escolar con vistas a la Torre Libertad, "Freedom Tower," en la ciudad de Nueva York, no habría sido posible sin la dedicación de las diferentes personas que han sido esenciales en el desarrollo y cultivo de la nueva escuela secundaria.* La planificación de este centro educativo histórico de última generación es el resultado de años de arduo trabajo y compromiso por parte de muchos educadores dedicados, miembros de la Junta de Educación y diversas personas. Estamos agradecidos con todos aquellos que han contribuido de alguna manera a esta nueva escuela secundaria para los estudiantes de Perth Amboy. **El Distrito Escolar de Perth Amboy se enorgullece de este logro monumental y exalta a todas las personas que han hecho posible la construcción de esta escuela secundaria.**



PERTH AMBOY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

GRAND OPENING

OF
THE NEW
PERTH AMBOY HIGH SCHOOL
SPRING 2024



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Dr. David A. Roman, Superintendent of Schools

Fall 2021



New \$300,000,000 Perth Amboy High School
Nueva Escuela Secundaria de Perth Amboy de \$300,000,000

Dear Students, Parents, Guardians, Staff and Friends of Perth Amboy Public Schools

Estimados Estudiantes, Padres, Guardianes, Personal y Amigos de las Escuelas Públicas de Perth Amboy

Dr. David A. Roman, Superintendent of Schools

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A *Tree Grows in Perth Amboy.* On September 27, 2021, the District along with students, state, county, and local officials participated in the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Perth Amboy High School, symbolizing our continued commitment to the students of this community. Recently, I had the opportunity to speak at our 9th Grade Biliteracy Program Open House at the Perth Amboy High School, which highlighted our work and commitment to bilingual education. As we prepare to build the new high school, we are asking for community input to help us determine the needs of our students and community. *Parents, we need your voice in this important conversation. We are here to help you; we are not here to define you. This current edition of the “Our Schools” newsletter supports this pledge as we work together as a school community. “La Promesa,” the promise to nurture our students to experience rigorous curriculum within a robust educational learning environment is supported through the exploration of their creativity, hopes, and dreams for this world.*

U *n Árbol Crece en Perth Amboy.* El 27 de septiembre de 2021, el Distrito junto con estudiantes, funcionarios estatales, locales y del condado participaron en la ceremonia de inauguración de la nueva Escuela Secundaria de Perth Amboy, simbolizando nuestro compromiso continuo con los estudiantes de esta comunidad. Recientemente, tuve la oportunidad de hablar en la reunión de padres de noveno grado acerca del Programa de Alfabetización Bilingüe en la escuela secundaria de Perth Amboy, durante la cual se destacó nuestro trabajo y compromiso con la educación bilingüe. Mientras nos preparamos para construir la nueva escuela secundaria, estamos pidiendo la opinión de la comunidad para ayudarnos a determinar las necesidades de nuestros estudiantes y toda la comunidad. *Padres, necesitamos su voz en esta importante conversación. Estamos aquí para ayudarle; no estamos aquí para definirle. Esta edición actual del boletín “Our Schools” apoya este compromiso mientras trabajamos juntos como comunidad escolar. Sigue en pie “La Promesa” de ayudar a nuestros estudiantes para que experimenten un currículo riguroso dentro de un entorno de aprendizaje educativo sólido y respaldado a través de la exploración de su creatividad, esperanzas y sueños para este mundo.*

New Jersey School Public Relations Association: Award Winning Newsletter - Fall 2022



Celebrating Construction Milestone

La Celebración de la Meta de Construcción

Dr. David A. Roman, Superintendent of Schools & Mr. Richard Chromey, Assistant Superintendent of Administration (2016-2019, Retired)
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Planning for the new Perth Amboy High School is in the bridging design phase. Currently, the designers and builders are turning the school concept into architectural plans, which will be used to build the new Perth Amboy High School. Construction will begin March 2019 and be concluded by the Summer of 2023. The school is scheduled to open in the Fall of 2023.

La planificación de la nueva Escuela Secundaria de Perth Amboy se encuentra en la fase de diseño. Actualmente, los diseñadores y constructores están convirtiendo el concepto de la escuela en planos arquitectónicos, los cuales se utilizarán para construir la nueva Escuela Secundaria de Perth Amboy. La construcción se llevará a cabo desde marzo de 2019 hasta el verano del año 2023. La escuela está programada para abrir en el otoño de 2023.



Announcement of land purchase
Anuncio de compra de tierras



Former site of Delaney Homes
Antiguo sitio de Casas Delaney



Demolition of Delaney Homes
Demolición de Casas Delaney



Land prepared for construction to begin
Terreno preparado para comenzar la construcción

Future Home of the New Perth Amboy High School

Futuro Hogar de la Nueva Escuela Secundaria de Perth Amboy

Dr. David A. Roman, Superintendent of Schools & Mr. Richard Chromey, Assistant Superintendent of Administration (2016-2019, Retired)

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The Perth Amboy School District is pleased to announce that the New Jersey Schools Development Authority (NJSDA) has released the bid advertisement for the new Perth Amboy High School, the largest single school building undertaken in New Jersey by the NJSDA. *The new Perth Amboy High School will be designed to educate 2,800 students in grades 9 through 12 and constructed on the approximately 11.63-acre property on Convery Boulevard. The project scope calls for the construction of a three-story 576,000 square foot facility.*

El Distrito Escolar de Perth Amboy se complace en anunciar que la Autoridad de Desarrollo Escolar de Nueva Jersey, NJSDA por sus siglas en inglés, ha publicado el anuncio de oferta para la nueva Escuela Secundaria de Perth Amboy, el edificio escolar más grande construido en Nueva Jersey por la NJSDA. *La nueva Escuela Secundaria de Perth Amboy estará diseñada para educar a 2,800 estudiantes de noveno a doceavo grado y se construirá en una propiedad de aproximadamente 11.63 acres en Convery Boulevard. El alcance del proyecto requiere la construcción de una instalación de tres pisos de aproximadamente 576,000 pies cuadrados.*



Developing Infrastructure: Home of the Panthers

Desarrollo de Infraestructuras: Hogar de las Panteras

Dr. David A. Roman, Superintendent of Schools & Mr. Delvis Rodriguez, Assistant Superintendent of Administration

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The District has been busy over the past few months working with the New Jersey Schools Development Authority (NJSDA) on the building project. The new Perth Amboy High School continues to develop and move towards an official groundbreaking. Bi-weekly meetings are held with the District, the NJSDA, and the contractor (Terminal Construction Corporation) to discuss the progress of the site work, the use of fill materials for the site, the to-be-determined date for the ground opening, and the upcoming physical construction of the building. Bi-weekly meetings are also held between the District, the NJSDA, and the contractor to discuss specific items in more detail such as the locker numbering plan, the placement of automatic external defibrillators within the building, the design of an emergency generator, and the use of ice storage tanks for the building's HVAC system, which are all vital to the comfort, health, and safety of the students and staff. *The District is working to ensure that the needs of all its students and the community are taken into consideration and incorporated into the new high school, so that we continue providing our students with an education that is second to none. Stay tuned for more updates.*

El Distrito ha estado ocupado durante los últimos meses trabajando con la Autoridad de Desarrollo Escolar de Nueva Jersey, NJSDA por sus siglas en inglés, en el proyecto de construcción. La nueva Escuela Secundaria de Perth Amboy continúa desarrollándose y avanzando hacia el comienzo oficial de los trabajos de construcción. El Distrito, la NJSDA y el contratista (Terminal Construction Corporation) llevan a cabo reuniones quincenales para discutir el progreso de la obra, el uso de materiales de relleno, la fecha a determinar para la apertura del terreno y la construcción física del edificio. También se llevan a cabo reuniones quincenales entre el Distrito y la NJSDA para discutir temas específicos con más detalle, como el plan de numeración de casilleros, la colocación de los desfibriladores externos automáticos dentro del edificio, el diseño de un generador de emergencia y el uso de tanques de almacenamiento de hielo para el sistema HVAC del edificio, todos los cuales son vitales para la comodidad, salud y seguridad de nuestros estudiantes y personal. *El Distrito está trabajando para asegurarse que las necesidades de todos nuestros estudiantes y la comunidad se tomen en consideración y se incorporen a la nueva escuela secundaria para que continuemos brindando a nuestros estudiantes una educación insuperable. Estén atentos para más actualizaciones.*



New Perth Amboy High School Update

Actualización de la Nueva Escuela Secundaria de Perth Amboy

Dr. David A. Roman, Superintendent of Schools & Mr. Delvis Rodriguez, Assistant Superintendent of Administration

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The new high school construction process is approaching the point where visible progress will be able to be seen daily at the site. The District website will soon contain a link to a live feed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, inviting the community to witness the progress of this historic building during construction of the largest school ever built by the New Jersey Schools Development Authority (NJSDA). As one can imagine, a project of this undertaking requires an enormous amount of planning, not only incorporating the needs of the District today, but also anticipating the needs of the District tomorrow. Weekly meetings continue to take place covering details as large as the heating and ventilation systems and as small as room names and paper towel dispensers. *Discussions about traffic patterns and parking, along with less complicated but equally important determinations regarding colors and patterns, are all a part of making the new high school historic, not just for its size, but also for the quality of education it will deliver, and the impact it will have to continuously raise the community to a higher level.* The last update about the school's progress is the magnitude of the details and planning that go into making this building as "green" as possible. From recycling policies, indoor environmental quality, water efficiency and renewable energy production, every detail is being considered to make this an environmentally safe and sustainable building. The District will continue to provide updates to the community and stakeholders and looks forward to opening the school as an accomplishment for all of Perth Amboy, past and present.

El proceso de construcción de la nueva escuela secundaria se acerca al punto en el que el progreso se podrá ver diariamente en la obra. El sitio web del Distrito pronto contendrá un enlace a una transmisión en vivo las 24 horas del día, los 7 días de la semana, invitando a la comunidad a presenciar el progreso de este edificio histórico durante la construcción de la escuela más grande jamás construida por la Autoridad de Desarrollo Escolar de Nueva Jersey, NJSDA por sus siglas en inglés. Como se puede imaginar, un proyecto de esta magnitud requiere una enorme cantidad de planificación, no sólo incorporando las necesidades del Distrito hoy, sino también anticipando las necesidades del Distrito mañana. Las reuniones semanales continúan ocurriendo para cubrir detalles tan grandes como los sistemas de calefacción y ventilación y tan pequeños como los nombres de los cuartos y los dispensadores de toallas de papel. *Las discusiones sobre los patrones de tráfico y el estacionamiento, junto con determinaciones menos complicadas, como la selección de colores y patrones, hacen que la nueva escuela secundaria sea histórica no sólo por su tamaño, sino también por la calidad de la educación que ofrecerá, y el impacto que tendrá en elevar continuamente a la comunidad a un nivel superior.* La última actualización sobre el progreso de la escuela es la magnitud de los detalles y la planificación que hacen que este edificio sea lo más "verde" posible. Desde las políticas de reciclaje, la calidad ambiental interior, la eficiencia del agua y la producción de energía renovable, cada detalle está siendo considerado para hacer de este, un edificio ambientalmente seguro y sostenible. El Distrito continuará proporcionando actualizaciones a la comunidad y espera con ansias abrir la escuela como un logro para todo Perth Amboy, pasado y presente.





November 2021
Noviembre de 2021

New Perth Amboy High School: Construction Has Begun

Nueva Actualización de la Escuela Secundaria de Perth Amboy: La Construcción ha Comenzado

Dr. David A. Roman, Superintendent of Schools, **Mr. Delvis Rodriguez**, Assistant Superintendent of Administration, **Dr. Damián O. Medina**, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, **Mr. Michael LoBrace**, School Business Administrator & **Mr. Francisco Velez**, Assistant School Business Administrator

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As the community is aware, the New Jersey Schools Development Authority has collaborated with the Perth Amboy Board of Education to construct a new 576,000 square foot high school, which will be built on the site of the former Delaney Homes Housing Project. *Construction has begun and the community can see how the property has already been transformed from a barren plot of land with many holes, hills, and ditches to a smooth, level parcel with workers engaged every day. Progress continues to be made to fulfill the dream of the new high school, and as each day passes, the District gets closer to achieving that reality.* The contractor, Terminal Construction Corporation, has installed a camera on the property so that the community can view the daily progress of the new high school. **Viewers can visit the District website at www.paps.net to follow the progress of construction and for further information.**

Como la comunidad ya sabe, la Autoridad de Desarrollo Escolar de Nueva Jersey ha colaborado con la Junta de Educación de Perth Amboy para construir una nueva escuela secundaria de 576,000 pies cuadrados, que se construirá en el sitio del antiguo Proyecto de Viviendas conocido como “Delaney Homes.” *La construcción ha comenzado y la comunidad puede ver cómo la propiedad ya se ha transformado de una parcela de tierra estéril con muchos agujeros, colinas y zanjas a una parcela lisa y nivelada con trabajadores activos todos los días. El sueño de la nueva escuela secundaria continúa avanzando y a medida que pasan los días, el Distrito se está acercando a lograr esta realidad.* El contratista, Terminal Construction Corporation, ha instalado una cámara en la propiedad para que la comunidad pueda ver el progreso diario de la nueva escuela secundaria. **Los espectadores pueden visitar nuestro sitio web en www.paps.net para seguir el progreso de la construcción y para obtener más información.**



New Perth Amboy High School: Groundbreaking Ceremony

Nueva Escuela Secundaria de Perth Amboy: Ceremonia de Inicio de Construcción

Dr. David A. Roman, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Delvis Rodriguez, Assistant Superintendent of Administration & Dr. Damián O. Medina, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction

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Perth Amboy, New Jersey – On Monday, September 27, 2021, Perth Amboy Public Schools, joined by students, state, county, and local officials participated in the groundbreaking ceremony hosted by the New Jersey Schools Development Authority (NJSDA). *The Groundbreaking Ceremony launched the next phase of the largest project undertaken by the NJSDA; a 576,000-square-foot, three-story facility with a total estimated cost of almost 300 million dollars. The new school is currently being constructed on an 11.63-acre site.* The project is anticipated for completion and opening to students in September 2024. The construction of this highly anticipated school will result in a state-of-the-art facility for a maximum of 3,300 students in grades nine through twelve.

Perth Amboy, Nueva Jersey – El lunes 27 de septiembre de 2021, las Escuelas Públicas de Perth Amboy, junto con estudiantes, funcionarios estatales, locales y del condado participaron en la ceremonia inaugural organizada por la Autoridad de Desarrollo Escolar de Nueva Jersey, NJSDA por sus siglas en ingles. *La ceremonia de inicio de construcción puso en marcha la siguiente fase del proyecto más grande emprendido por la NJSDA; una instalación de 576,000 pies cuadrados, de tres pisos y con un costo total estimado de casi 300 millones de dólares. La nueva escuela se está construyendo en un sitio de 11.63 acres.* Se anticipa que el proyecto esté terminado y abierto a los estudiantes en septiembre de 2024. La construcción de esta tan esperada escuela dará lugar a una instalación de última generación para un máximo de 3,300 estudiantes de noveno a doceavo grado.





New Perth Amboy High School: Home of the Panthers

Nueva Escuela Secundaria de Perth Amboy: *Hogar de las Panteras*

Dr. David A. Roman, Superintendent of Schools, **Mr. Delvis Rodriguez**, Assistant Superintendent of Administration, **Dr. Damián O. Medina**, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, **Mr. Michael LoBrace**, School Business Administrator & **Mr. Francisco Velez**, Assistant School Business Administrator

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The District, in collaboration with New Jersey Schools Development Authority, is excited to report on the building progress of the new Perth Amboy High School that is scheduled to open in September 2024. The District continues the planning of a state-of-the-art facility as the construction of a 576,000 sq. ft. new high school has commenced. The District continues to work with stakeholders on items such as the placement and integration of 21st century technology, the installation of an upgraded backup generator system, and the fitting of custom masonry design. *The vision of erecting a world class educational environment for the students of Perth Amboy is coming to fruition, and the District will continue to provide updates as the construction continues.*

El Distrito, en colaboración con la Autoridad de Desarrollo Escolar de Nueva Jersey se complace en informar sobre el progreso de la construcción de la nueva Escuela Secundaria de Perth Amboy que está programada para abrir sus puertas en septiembre de 2024. El Distrito continúa la planificación para la construcción de un edificio de última generación a medida que la construcción de una escuela secundaria de 576,000 pies cuadrados ha comenzado. Continuamos trabajando con las partes interesadas en elementos como la colocación e integración de tecnología avanzada, la instalación de un sistema de generador de respaldo actualizado y la implementación de un diseño de mampostería personalizado. *La visión de establecer un ambiente de alta gama para los estudiantes de Perth Amboy está llegando a buen término y el Distrito continuará proporcionando actualizaciones a medida que avance la construcción.*





September 2022
Septiembre de 2022

New Perth Amboy High School: Beam Signing Ceremony

Nueva Escuela Secundaria de Perth Amboy: Ceremonia de Firma de Viga

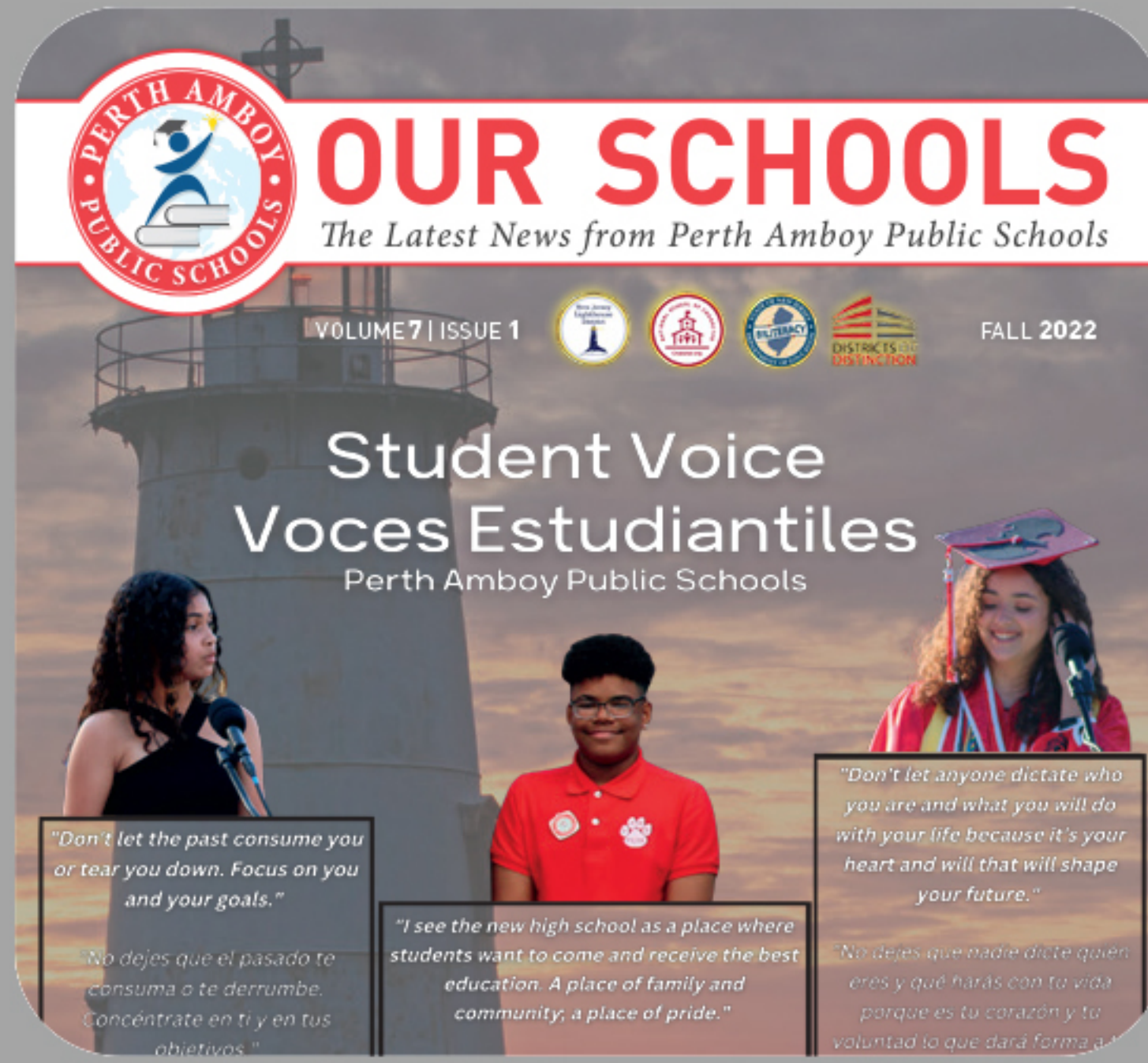
Dr. David A. Roman, Superintendent of Schools

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On Friday, April 8, 2022, Perth Amboy Public Schools, joined by students, state, county, and local officials, participated in the beam signing ceremony for the new Perth Amboy High School. The 576,000-square-foot, three-story facility with an estimated cost of almost 300 million dollars is anticipated to welcome over 2,800 students in grades 9-12 in September of 2024. *“This ceremony marks another milestone in the largest project undertaken by NJSDA,”* said Dr. David A. Roman, Superintendent of Schools. *“The future of this school district is promising. Our collective signatures placed upon this beam today is a pledge and commitment that we have earnestly been entrusted with to leave a future foundation for generations to come. The new Perth Amboy High School: Where the roots will be strong, the foundation will have love, and inspiration will follow.”*

El viernes 8 de abril de 2022, las Escuelas Públicas de Perth Amboy, junto con estudiantes y funcionarios estatales, del condado y locales, participaron en la ceremonia de firma de viga para la nueva Escuela Secundaria de Perth Amboy. Se anticipa que la instalación de 576,000 pies cuadrados y tres pisos con un costo total estimado de casi 300 millones de dólares dará la bienvenida a más de 2,800 estudiantes en los grados de noveno a doceavo en septiembre de 2024. *“Esta ceremonia marca otro hito en el proyecto más grande emprendido por la NJSDA,”* dijo el Dr. David A Roman, Superintendente de Escuelas. *“El futuro de este distrito escolar es prometedor. Nuestras firmas colectivas colocadas hoy sobre esta viga son una promesa y un compromiso que se nos ha confiado fervientemente para dejar una base futura para las generaciones por venir. La nueva Escuela Secundaria de Perth Amboy: donde las raíces serán fuertes, los cimientos tendrán amor y la inspiración seguirá.”*







PERTH AMBOY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

PERTH AMBOY HIGH SCHOOL RECOGNIZED AS AN ESPN HONOR ROLL SCHOOL
1 of 3 Unified Champion Schools in the Nation Selected to be Featured on ESPN

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Perth Amboy, New Jersey – Perth Amboy Public Schools is proud to announce that Perth Amboy High School has been recognized as an ESPN Honor Roll recipient in the northeast region. This is following Perth Amboy High School being awarded the Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools National Banner. Additionally, the school was selected as 1 of 3 schools nationwide to be featured on an ESPN broadcast, which will be airing Spring 2024.

"As a Special Olympics Unified Champion School, we are proud to create a sense of collaboration, engagement, and inclusivity," stated Mr. Marcus Sella, Director of Special Services.

The Special Olympics honors educational institutions which are committed to making schools and the world socially inclusive for all. The District's soccer, basketball, and track Unified Sports Teams combine approximately equal numbers of students with and without disabilities. These are competitive programs that follow all New Jersey Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJISAA) rules and regulations. The Unified Sports teams are coached by a staff member trained as Special Olympics Unified Sports.

Perth Amboy High School achieved the top standards of excellence qualifying the school to receive this National Banner recognition. Some of the standards of excellence focus on: Unified Sports, Inclusive Youth Leadership, Whole School Engagement, and Sustainability. An inclusive club, "All In," offers leadership opportunities for students with and without disabilities and creates a safe space for all students to feel connected and engaged with school activities.

Along with this honor, Special Olympics will be awarding the district with \$5,000 to support the program. Unified Sports will be one of many district programs that will continue at the new Perth Amboy High School, a 576,000-square-foot state-of-the-art inclusive educational facility set to open in the Fall of 2024.

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Perth Amboy – The New Jersey Department of Education today released the District-Level School Performance Reports for the 2016-2017 school year. The Perth Amboy Public School District has been acknowledged for their improvement and academic growth. As taken from New Jersey Department of Education's website, "Perth Amboy Public Schools restructured its administration in order to provide strategic and targeted supports, upgraded facilities, and increased outreach to students and parents by working collaboratively with teachers and leaders. As a result, their graduation rate grew more than 16 percentage points in 4 years."

Dr. David A. Roman, Superintendent of Schools, wants to acknowledge that this is a collaborative effort amongst many talented staff members. Dr. Roman also stated, *"As promised...we have only just begun. We are excited about the future and our quest to establish a district of distinction for our students as they deserve no less."*

To learn more about what is happening in the Perth Amboy Public School District, please visit our website at www.paps.net.

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DISTRICT RECOGNIZED FOR BEST PRACTICES IN SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS

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Perth Amboy, New Jersey – Perth Amboy Public School District was awarded 1st place for the "Our Schools" newsletter and 2nd place for the website (www.paps.net) in the 2018 School Communications Awards, sponsored by the New Jersey School Public Relations Association (NJSIPA).

During the 2016-2017 school year, Perth Amboy Public Schools began revamping its electronic communications with the launch of the "Our Schools" district newsletter distributed to parents, staff and the community. In addition, upgrades were made to the district's website, to improve the functionality of the site and to enhance the way all stakeholders receive news and information. The Superintendent, Dr. David A. Roman, and his administrative staff collaborated with district administrators on how to highlight this vibrant school community.

"Parent and community engagement is a vital part of the educational process. School Communications is one of the top priorities in the district to ensure that our families and community members are well informed about the progress we are making to prepare our students to become college and career ready," stated Dr. David A. Roman, Superintendent of Schools.

The NJSIPA 2018 School Communication Awards recognizes outstanding print and electronic collateral material in New Jersey's educational communication programs. Categories included Marketing, Branding and Image, Media Relations – Human Interest, Newsletter, Social Media, Special Interest Publication, Video and Website. The criteria for the newsletter category focused on news directed towards external audiences, published periodically and disseminated electronically to the community. The website category was based on the overall design, ease of use and up-to-date content.

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THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS WITH THE SEAL OF BILINGUALITY HAS TRIPLED OVER THE PAST 3 YEARS

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June 14, 2018 (732) 376-6201

Perth Amboy, New Jersey – On Thursday, June 7, 2018, 111 seniors were awarded the New Jersey Seal of Bilingualism during the annual Senior Awards Night Ceremony. The New Jersey Department of Education State Seal of Bilingualism identifies graduating high school students who are able to demonstrate proficiency in English in addition to one or more world languages. By achieving the Seal of Bilingualism, students demonstrate that they are able to speak, read, listen and write in two or more languages at a high level of proficiency. Under the leadership of Dr. David A. Roman, Superintendent of Schools, the number of Perth Amboy High School students graduating with the Seal of Bilingualism honor has increased each consecutive year since its implementation in 2015. Perth Amboy Public School District has been actively involved with the New Jersey Department of Education Seal of Bilingualism as one of only seven districts who piloted the initiative.

This past May, the New Jersey Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages/New Jersey Bilingual Education (NJTESOL/NJBE) Advocacy Summit recognized Dr. Roman as the 2018 Recipient of the Superintendent of the Year for the Seal of Bilingualism. NJTESOL/NJBE has recognized superintendents who have actively supported the implementation of the New Jersey Seal of Bilingualism. Ms. Elizabeth Franks, NJTESOL/NJBE Advocacy representative, acknowledged Perth Amboy Public School District as being in the forefront of the Dual Language education initiative.

"Dr. Roman's commitment to dual language learners signifies the expansion of opportunities for all Perth Amboy Public School students to pursue higher education and professions as the need for bilingual and multilingual skills increases globally," stated Dr. Vivian Rodriguez, Assistant Superintendent for Learning/Educational Services. Perth Amboy Public School District has the only public, freestanding dual language school in New Jersey.

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PERTH AMBOY HIGH SCHOOL RECOGNIZED AS A NATIONAL SCHOOL OF CHARACTER

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May 20, 2019 (732) 376-6201

Perth Amboy, New Jersey – Perth Amboy High School is one of 88 schools across the nation that has been named a National School of Character. According to Character.org, Perth Amboy High School has demonstrated a dedicated focus on character development, which has had a positive effect on academic achievement, student behavior, and school climate.

Dr. David Roman, Superintendent of Schools stated that *"The district has made significant academic increases over the past several years by steadily increasing graduation rates, increasing the number of students receiving the Seal of Bilingualism, opening interactive learning academies and establishing a myriad of robust program opportunities to enhance student achievement throughout the district. This recognition reaffirms that our school district is not only achieving wonderful academic strides, but also establishing safe, warm, caring and nurturing learning environments for students and staff. Our district is a place where genuine, collaborative, authentic and positive relationships exist between our students and staff."*

Members of the Perth Amboy High School Character Education team led by the principal, Ms. Daisy Rodriguez, planned and implemented character initiatives in the school over the last three years. After being recognized as a State School of Character, Character.org representatives visited the high school touring the campus, visiting classrooms, meeting with students, parents, and staff.

"These schools' representatives, including educators, parents, and students, are working together to create stronger communities focused on character. We are honored to validate their efforts and continue coaching them along their journey," stated Doug Karc, Character.org President & CEO.

Criteria for selection are based on Character.org's 11 Principles of Effective Character, which include providing students with opportunities for moral action, fostering shared leadership, and engaging families and communities as partners in the character-building effort. Perth Amboy High School will be honored at the Character.org National Forum in Washington D.C. in the fall of 2019. For more information, please visit www.Character.org.

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PERTH AMBOY PUBLIC SCHOOLS RECOGNIZED AS A LIGHTHOUSE DISTRICT

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August 1, 2019 (732) 376-6201

Perth Amboy, New Jersey – Perth Amboy Public School District has been designated as a Lighthouse District for substantial improvement in academic achievement. Perth Amboy was one of eleven districts statewide to receive this honor at the "Equity for All" conference at the College of New Jersey.

The Lighthouse award winners demonstrated measurable progress across diverse groups of learners and used multiple measures to provide individualized support to students and their school communities. The NIDOE evaluated four years of district and school-level data to identify districts with the greatest academic improvement. Lighthouse districts are representative of New Jersey's diverse student body. The two-year award term will be from July 2019 to July 2021. New Jersey Department of Education Press Release, July 31, 2019.

"Perth Amboy Public Schools has embarked upon a renaissance and is committed to providing opportunities for the students of the district to enter our nation with a purposeful voice," said Dr. David A. Roman, Superintendent of the Perth Amboy School District. *"I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the faculty of Perth Amboy Public Schools. Their hard work and dedication has played a vital role in being recognized as a Lighthouse District. The district has been working collaboratively with all stakeholders of the school community in an effort to provide strategic and targeted support for students to achieve greater standards of academic excellence."*

"Lighthouse Districts can serve as beacons of success for public education in New Jersey," said Education Commissioner Lennett O. Rospell. *"We congratulate the Perth Amboy School District for being awarded this distinction, acknowledging their tremendous academic gains. This honor helps your coastal city, and I encourage your students and educators to continue to shine a light and serve as a model of success for other districts throughout the state."*

"Our local school leaders are working to help our students receive an education that will prepare them to compete with students across the State of New Jersey. I am extremely proud of all of the members of the Perth Amboy School District, especially our young scholars for reaching such a milestone. Your dedication, enthusiasm and academic performance has proven successful and has truly made a statement in our City and among surrounding communities. Please accept my congratulations on this wonderful recognition," said Wilda Diaz, Mayor of the City of Perth Amboy.

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PERTH AMBOY PUBLIC SCHOOLS RECOGNIZED AS A DISTRICT OF DISTINCTION

IMMEDIATE RELEASE Contact: Office of the Superintendent
August 15, 2019 (732) 376-6201

Perth Amboy, New Jersey – Perth Amboy Public Schools is pleased to announce that the district is one of thirty-four school districts nationwide recognized as "Districts of Distinction."

Districts of Distinction was established by District Administration magazine to honor innovative school districts that are leading the way with new ideas that solve challenges. Perth Amboy Public Schools is being recognized for its "High School Career-Based Communications Academy," in which district leaders partnered with communication experts from New York University Stern Hall University, and Kean University to develop a new communication career-based curriculum. Courses feature both academic theory and hands-on practice. New facilities were added, including television and recording studios, an editing suite, and virtual reality lab. Students who can communicate in more than one language can build those skills and also prepare for the New Jersey Seal of Bilingualism. An international communications track features classes in international diplomacy.

"Our district has a multitude of robust initiatives underway that are positively impacting student success," says Dr. David A. Roman, Superintendent. *"The Communications Academy provides students with the college and career-readiness skills needed to fulfill all of their hopes and dreams."*

Honorees are selected based on quantifiable results and the replicability of their initiatives. The July 2019 Districts of Distinction honorees were selected by the magazine's editors from numerous nominations. To view Perth Amboy's article and a full list of the 2019 honorees, visit districtadministration.com.

"These districts have developed innovative programs to support students in their education and will beyond the classroom," says JD Solomon, editorial director of District Administration magazine. *"We hope our readers are inspired by the efforts of these honorees to create successful initiatives in their own districts."*

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RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY CELEBRATING THE GRAND OPENING OF ROSE M. LOPEZ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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September 24, 2019 (732) 376-6201

Perth Amboy, New Jersey – Perth Amboy Public School District leaders, students and the Perth Amboy Board of Education celebrated the Grand Opening of the Rose M. Lopez Elementary School with a ribbon cutting ceremony joined by the New Jersey School Development Authority, state and local officials and family members of Rose M. Lopez.

"The opening of the new Rose M. Lopez Elementary School will provide students of the Perth Amboy Public School District access to a state-of-the-art educational facility that will provide exemplary resources to achieve greater standards of academic excellence," said Dr. David A. Roman, Superintendent of the Perth Amboy School District. *"I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge all stakeholders who have worked collaboratively in helping to establish a vibrant educational facility supporting the academic and social and emotional development of our students."*

Rose M. Lopez Elementary School has been designated as the District's second stand-alone dual language school, servicing approximately 800 students in kindergarten through second grade. The 3-story, 128,000-square-foot facility includes 38 classrooms, 6 small group instruction rooms, four basic skills/ESL/resource rooms, a science demonstration room, a speech room, vocal and instrumental music rooms, a computer lab, a gymnasium, a media center, a cafeteria, a multipurpose room with stage and outdoor play and learning areas.

"SDA-constructed schools, like the Rose M. Lopez Elementary School, provide educational spaces and resources needed to enhance the educational opportunities for generations of students," said Manuel Da Silva, SDA Interim CEO. *"Today's ribbon cutting ceremony affords us the opportunity to recognize the school district, state and local officials who partnered with us to make a positive impact in the lives of Perth Amboy students as we strive to address the overcrowding needs in the district."*

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**A TREE GROWS IN PERTH AMBOY:
THE NEW PERTH AMBOY HIGH SCHOOL**

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October 1, 2021 (732) 376-6201

Perth Amboy, New Jersey – On Monday, September 27, 2021, Perth Amboy Public Schools, joined by students, state, county, and local officials participated in the groundbreaking ceremony hosted by the New Jersey Schools Development Authority (SDA). The Groundbreaking Ceremony launched the next phase of the largest project undertaken by the SDA, a 576,000-square-foot, three-story facility with a total estimated cost of about \$300 million dollars. The new school is currently being constructed on an 11.63-acre site. The project is anticipated for completion and opening to students in September 2024. The construction of this highly anticipated school will result in a state-of-the-art facility for a maximum of 3,200 students in grades nine through twelve.

"Today's groundbreaking ceremony for the new High School within Perth Amboy Public Schools symbolizes a continued commitment to the students of this community. The focus of our premise – La Promesa – is to nurture students to experience rigorous curriculum within a robust educational learning environment that supports the exploration of their creativity, hopes and dreams for this world," said Superintendent Dr. David A. Roman.

"The new Perth Amboy High School is finally a reality after many years," said Board of Education President Mr. Kenneth Puccio. *"I want to thank all of our stakeholders and the Board of Education for their continued support over the years."*

"We are committed to ensuring that every child in New Jersey has access to a high-quality education," said Governor Murphy. *"This school will not only relieve overcrowding in Perth Amboy Public Schools, but also provide a state-of-the-art facility that will foster learning and success for Perth Amboy students."*

"For over 20 years, the Perth Amboy community has advocated for a new high school and today's groundbreaking marks the fruition of our combined efforts," said Senator Joseph F. Vitale. *"Speaker Craig J. Conklin and Assemblywoman Yvonne Lopez (District-19). The new Perth Amboy high school will provide students with an unparalleled 21st century learning experience in a state-of-the-art facility that will undoubtedly serve as a model for educational excellence throughout the State of New Jersey."*

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BEAM SIGNING CEREMONY MARKS THE NEXT CHAPTER OF 'LA PROMESA' NEW PERTH AMBOY HIGH SCHOOL

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April 8, 2022 (732) 376-6201

Perth Amboy, New Jersey – On Friday, April 8, 2022, Perth Amboy Public Schools, joined by students, state, county, and local officials, participated in a beam signing ceremony. The 576,000-square-foot, three-story facility with a total estimated cost of almost 300 million dollars is anticipated to receive over 2,800 students in grades 9-12 in September of 2024. The event marked another milestone of the largest project undertaken by the New Jersey Schools Development Authority (NJSDA).

"This ceremony marks another milestone in the largest project undertaken by NJSDA," said Dr. David A. Roman, Superintendent of Schools. *"The future of this school district is promising. Our collective signatures placed upon this beam today is a pledge and commitment that we have earnestly been entrusted with to leave a future foundation for generations to come. The new Perth Amboy High School, where the roots will be strong, the foundation will have love, and inspiration will follow."*

The new high school shall house a plethora of innovative and robust educational programs in one facility, all currently operating in the present high school and throughout the district: The Communications Academy, Health Sciences Academy, Bilingual Program, Comprehensive High School, Panther Life Program, and Freshman Academy will arrive at the new high school.

"My signature along with many other former graduates of Perth Amboy High School will have their name on a beam that will be displayed in the newest Perth Amboy High School. It's like a dream; we are all a connection to the past," said Kenneth I. Puccio, President of the Perth Amboy Board of Education.

"This is an exciting time for Perth Amboy as the framework of the new High School takes shape and the community can begin to envision the lasting impact this facility will have for thousands of students in the years to come," said SDA CEO Manuel De Silva. *"This event affords us an opportunity to stand alongside our District, State, and local partners to highlight this important milestone and the SDA's continued commitment to deliver a state-of-the-art learning environment that will enhance the education of our students as they become college and career ready."*

The new high school will house many open spaces that can be adapted and modified to meet the school's needs at any time. The design plans include an auditorium, a multimedia center, art and design studios, general classrooms, world language classrooms, NIDOE classrooms, science labs, and a main and auxiliary gymnasium.

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PERTH AMBOY PUBLIC SCHOOLS WELCOMES STAFF AND STUDENTS BACK TO SCHOOL WITH MULTIMEDIA MESSAGES

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September 6, 2022 (732) 376-6201

Perth Amboy, New Jersey – On September 1, 2022, the district presented a convocation for close to 2,000 staff members. The Perth Amboy High School band, cheerleaders, and NIDOE Cadets welcomed staff as they entered Perth Amboy High School for the opening address from the Superintendent of Schools. Additionally, the following video was shared with parents, students, and staff on the first day of school.

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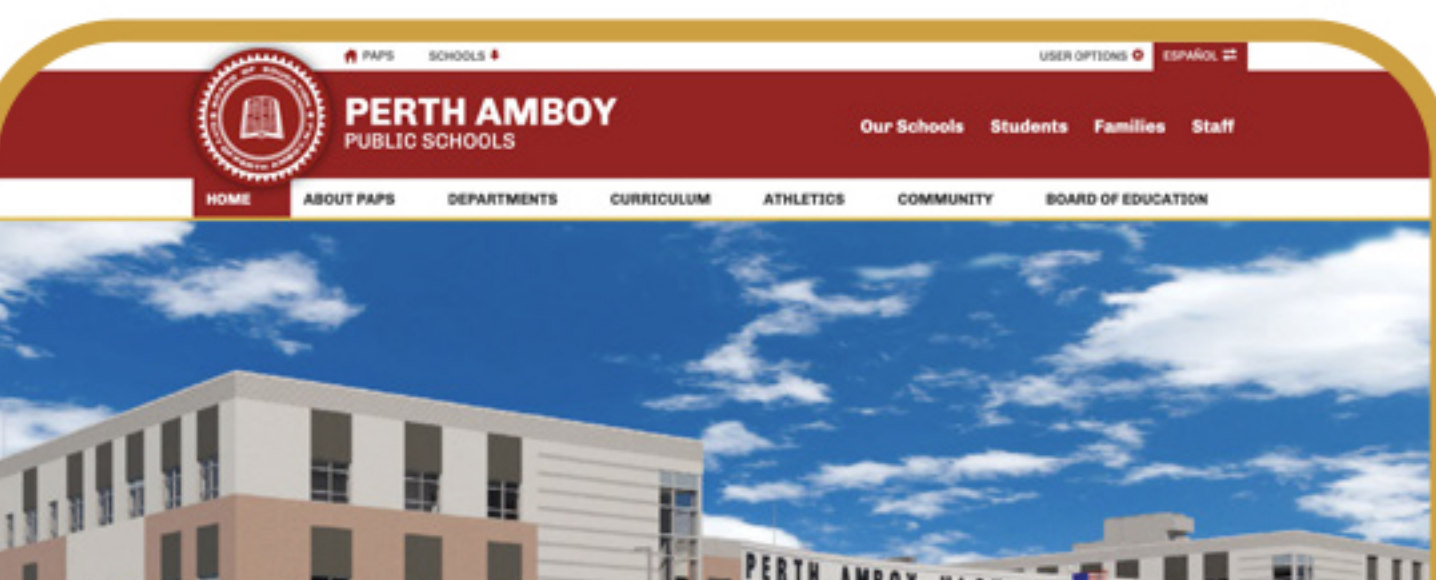
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The district used multimedia, videos, and narrative during the robust opening ceremony to highlight various accomplishments. Additionally, Perth Amboy Public Schools has shown tremendous growth in the following areas:

- The district's QSA scores for Instruction and Program have increased from 32% to 79% in the last seven years.
- The number of students who received the NJ Seal of Bilingualism doubled. A total of 272 seals were awarded to our students.
- In 2022, for the first time, Perth Amboy participated in the Global Seal of Bilingualism, and 278 global seals of bilingualism were awarded to our students.
- Our inclusion rate for students with disabilities has increased from 37% to 52.5% exceeding the current state target inclusion rate of 48%.
- Perth Amboy High School continues to graduate more students with each passing year. In the 2013-2014 school year, the graduation rate was under sixty percent. This rate has steadily risen by almost thirty percentage points in the last nine school years.

Here is a 17-minute video clip that captures some of the aforementioned district growths and accomplishments: Did You Know?

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Bridge connecting opposing sides
Puente que conecta lados opuestos



October 2023
Octubre de 2023

Some Points of Pride Algunos Puntos de Orgullo

The Perth Amboy School District was recognized as a Lighthouse District in 2019 by the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) for sustained growth and improvement. El Distrito Escolar de Perth Amboy fue reconocido como Distrito Faro en el año 2019 por el Departamento de Educación del Estado de Nueva Jersey, NJDOE por sus siglas en inglés, por su crecimiento sostenido y mejora académica.

The District's graduation rate increased from 59% in 2013 to 86% in 2022 as per the New Jersey Department of Education School Performance Report Card. As a result of the focus on student graduation, 969 more students have graduated over the past nine years compared to the number of students that would have graduated if the student graduation rate had stayed at 59%. La tasa de graduación del Distrito aumentó del 59% en el año 2013 al 86% en el año 2022 según el Informe de Desempeño Escolar del Departamento de Educación de Nueva Jersey de 2021-2022. Como resultado del enfoque en la graduación de los estudiantes, 969 estudiantes más se han graduado en comparación al número de estudiantes que se hubieran graduado si la tasa de graduación se hubiera quedado en 59%.

According to the 2021-2022 US News and World Report Ranking of High Schools, Perth Amboy High School (PAHS) was ranked 247 out of 406 New Jersey high schools and 7,431 out of 17,843 public high schools in the nation. Según la clasificación de escuelas secundarias llevada a cabo por US News and World Report 2021-2022, la Escuela Secundaria de Perth Amboy ocupó el puesto 247 entre 406 escuelas secundarias de Nueva Jersey y el puesto 7,431 de 17,843 escuelas secundarias públicas del país.

PAHS moved up 2,240 spots from 2020 to 2022 and 529 spots from 2021 to 2022 in the national ranking. La Escuela Secundaria de Perth Amboy subió 2,240 puestos desde el año 2020 al año 2022 y 529 puestos desde el año 2021 al año 2022 en el ranking nacional.

PAHS moved up 57 spots from 2020 to 2022 and 12 spots from 2021 to 2022 in the New Jersey ranking. La Escuela Secundaria de Perth Amboy subió 57 puestos desde el año 2020 al año 2022 y 12 puestos desde el año 2021 al año 2022 en el ranking de Nueva Jersey.

The introduction of small learning communities in 2018-2019 allowed students to have a focus on their academic pursuits while demonstrating significant growth. La introducción de pequeñas comunidades de aprendizaje en el año escolar 2018-2019 permitió a los estudiantes centrarse en sus actividades académicas que también han demostrado un crecimiento significativo.

The graduation rates for the Communications Academy have shown a remarkable progression, starting from 95.8% in 2021, increasing to 98.6% in 2022, and achieving 100% in 2023. Las tasas de graduación de la Academia de Comunicaciones han mostrado una progresión notable, comenzando con 95.8% en el año 2021, aumentando a 98.6% en el año 2022 y alcanzando el 100% en el año 2023.

The graduation rate for the Health Sciences Academy Class of 2022 was 100%. La tasa de graduación de la Academia de Ciencias de la Salud del año 2022 fue de un 100%.

In 2022, there were 12 students who graduated with an Emergency Medical Responder or Certified Personal Trainer Certification. In 2023, that number increased 150% with 30 students graduating with these certifications. En el año 2022, 12 estudiantes que se graduaron con una certificación de Respondedor Médico de Emergencia o Entrenador Personal Certificado. En el año 2023, esta cifra aumentó un 150% con 30 estudiantes que se graduaron con estas certificaciones.

The New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (QSAC) scores for Instruction and Program increased from 32% in 2014 to 79% as per the last QSAC review in 2023. Los puntajes QSAC en el área de Instrucción y Programas aumentaron del 32% en el año 2014 al 79% según la última evaluación de QSAC en el año 2023.

The District established the first stand-alone public Dual Language School in the State of New Jersey. The District has a Dual Language Program for students in grades PreK-8 and a Biliteracy Program for students in grades 9-12. El Distrito estableció la primera escuela pública independiente de educación dual en el estado de Nueva Jersey. El Distrito tiene un programa de educación dual para estudiantes en los grados PreK-8 y un programa de alfabetización bilingüe para estudiantes en los grados 9-12.

The number of students who earned the New Jersey Seal of Biliteracy increased from 37 in 2015 to 299 in 2023. El número de estudiantes que obtuvieron el Sello de Alfabetización Bilingüe de Nueva Jersey aumentó de 37 en el año 2015 a 299 en el año 2023.



The District's inclusion rate of 59.04% surpassed the state inclusion rate of 45% as per the Local District Special Education Report for the 2021-2022 school year. *La tasa de inclusión del Distrito de 59.04% superó la tasa de inclusión estatal de 45% según el Informe de Educación Especial del Distrito del año escolar 2021-2022.*

The District's participation rate for PSAT increased from 24.7% in the 2020-2021 school year to 76.7% in the 2021-2022 school year as per the NJDOE District Performance Report. *La tasa de participación del Distrito en la prueba PSAT aumentó del 24.7% en el año escolar 2020-2021 al 76.7% en el año escolar 2021-2022 según el Informe de Desempeño del Distrito generado por el Departamento de Educación de Nueva Jersey.*

The 2021-2022 District participation rate for the SAT was 90.7%, which is 29.9% higher than the state average of 60.8%, as per the 2021-2022 NJDOE District Performance Report. *La tasa de participación del Distrito en la prueba SAT del año escolar 2021-2022 fue del 90.7%, es decir, un 29.9% más alto que el promedio estatal de 60.8% según el Informe de Desempeño del Distrito del Departamento de Educación de Nueva Jersey del año escolar 2021-2022.*

On September 11, 2023, the District was selected, by the NJDOE and Governor Murphy as one of the eleven districts to receive a combined \$15 million grant to expand school-based mental health services for students. *El 11 de septiembre de 2023, el Distrito fue seleccionado por el Departamento de Educación de Nueva Jersey y el Gobernador Murphy como uno de los once distritos merecedores de una subvención combinada de \$15 millones para ampliar los servicios de salud mental de los estudiantes.*

The District's Early Childhood Centers received an average score of 6.14 in the ECERS assessment tool in the 2021-2022 school year, which exceeded the state average 4.17. *Los Centros de Educación Pre-Escolar del Distrito obtuvieron un puntaje promedio de 6.14 en la evaluación ECERS en el año escolar 2021-2022, mientras que el puntaje promedio del estado fue de 4.17.*

Outside educational organizations have also recognized the District as follows: *Organizaciones educativas externas también han reconocido al Distrito de la siguiente manera:*

Recognized as a District of Distinction for the Communication Academy by District Administration Magazine in 2019. *El Distrito fue reconocido como Distrito de Distinción por su Academia de Comunicaciones por la Revista District Administration en 2019.*

Received the School Communication Award for "Best Newsletter" in 2018, 2019 and 2022; "Best Website" in 2018; and "Best Marketing, Branding, and Image" in 2023. *El Distrito recibió el Premio de Comunicación Escolar al "Mejor Boletín" en el año 2018, 2019 y 2022; el premio de "Mejor Sitio Web" en el año 2018 y el primer premio por "Mejor Marketing, Branding, and Image" en el año 2023.*

Perth Amboy High School was recognized as a National School of Character in 2019. *La Escuela Secundaria de Perth Amboy fue reconocida como Escuela Nacional de Carácter en el año 2019.*

Perth Amboy High School was recognized as a National Banner Unified Champion School through the Special Olympics, an honor given to schools that demonstrate a commitment to inclusion and excellence. *La Escuela Secundaria de Perth Amboy fue reconocida como Escuela Campeona Nacional Unificada a través de las Olimpiadas Especiales, un honor otorgado a las escuelas que demuestran un compromiso con la inclusión y la excelencia.*

Regarding the maintenance of the District's facilities, the District has achieved the following objectives: *Con respecto al mantenimiento de las instalaciones, el Distrito ha logrado los siguientes objetivos:*

After fifteen years of stagnate movement, the District, in coordination with the New Jersey Schools Development Authority, was able to successfully facilitate the construction of the new \$300,000,000 Perth Amboy High School set to open in the early Spring of 2024. *Después de quince años de movimiento estancado, el Distrito, en coordinación con la Autoridad de Desarrollo Escolar de Nueva Jersey, pudo facilitar con éxito la construcción de la nueva Escuela Secundaria de Perth Amboy a un costo de \$300,000,000 la cual abrirá sus puertas a principios de la primavera de 2024.*

Throughout the past nine years, the District has maximized available funding for capital improvements to help create upgraded learning spaces for students. *A lo largo de los últimos nueve años, el Distrito ha maximizado los fondos disponibles para crear mejores espacios de aprendizaje para los estudiantes.*





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PERTH AMBOY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

PERTH AMBOY PUBLIC SCHOOLS RECOGNIZED AS A LIGHTHOUSE DISTRICT

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Perth Amboy, New Jersey – Perth Amboy Public School District has been **designated as a Lighthouse District for substantial improvement in academic achievement**. Perth Amboy was one of eleven districts statewide to receive this honor at the “Equity for All” conference at the College of New Jersey.

The Lighthouse award winners demonstrated measurable progress across diverse groups of learners and used multiple measures to provide individualized support to students and their school communities. **The NJDOE evaluated four years of district and school-level data to identify districts with the greatest academic improvement. Lighthouse districts are representative of New Jersey’s diverse student body. The two-year award term will be from July 2019 to July 2021.** (New Jersey Department of Education Press Release, July 31, 2019).

“Perth Amboy Public Schools has embarked upon a renaissance and is committed to providing opportunities for the students of the district to enter our nation with a purposeful voice,” said Dr. David A. Roman, Superintendent of the Perth Amboy School District. “I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the faculty of Perth Amboy Public Schools. Their hard work and dedication has played a vital role in being recognized as a Lighthouse District. The district has been working collaboratively with all stakeholders of the school community in an effort to provide strategic and targeted supports for students to achieve greater standards of academic excellence.”

“Lighthouse Districts can serve as beacons of success for public education in New Jersey,” said Education Commissioner Lamont O. Repollet. “We congratulate the Perth Amboy School District for being awarded this designation, acknowledging their tremendous academic gains. This honor befits your coastal city, and I encourage your students and educators to continue to shine a light and serve as a model of success for other districts throughout the state.”

“Our local school leaders are working to help our students receive an education that will prepare them to compete with students across the State of New Jersey. I am extremely proud of all of the members of the Perth Amboy School District, especially our young scholars for reaching such a milestone. Your dedication, enthusiasm and academic performance has proven successful and has truly made a statement in our City and among surrounding communities. Please accept my congratulations on this wonderful recognition,” said Wilda Diaz, Mayor of the City of Perth Amboy.

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PERTH AMBOY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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"I offer my sincere congratulations to the Perth Amboy Public School District on being recognized as a Lighthouse District," said Senator Joseph Vitale (D-Middlesex). "This achievement highlights the hard work of the professionals throughout the district, who come in every day to place the district on a continued trajectory for success. A great education remains the best foundation for future success and Perth Amboy students will certainly reap the benefits of their excellent school system."

"I could not be more proud of the outstanding students, educators and administrators of the Perth Amboy School District for earning this impressive designation," said Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin (D-Middlesex). "Lighthouse Districts set an example for schools across the state to strive for excellence in all they do. I'm thrilled to see one of our local districts recognized for their leadership and achievements."

"As a graduate of the Perth Amboy Public School District, I am filled with pride for both the students and staff on this recognition," said Assemblywoman Yvonne Lopez (D-Middlesex). "Being recognized as a Lighthouse District demonstrates the dedication of the school community in meeting the needs of their students. Perth Amboy students are receiving a tremendous education that will benefit them for years to come and this achievement becomes a part of the numerous awards the district continues to receive."

"To be a Lighthouse District is to have clarity in purpose, and one thing is for certain; we on the Perth Amboy Board of Education along with the administration are clear in our purpose: to educate our young scholars in preparation for the brightest of futures. Guided by that vision, our faculty and staff continue to provide rigorous instruction and moral support; to continue increasing graduation rates, test scores, and college enrollment. Congratulations team! Let us continue being the light for our youth and for others." Mr. Kenneth Puccio, President and Ms. Tashi Vazquez, Vice President, Perth Amboy Board of Education.



About Perth Amboy Public Schools

The Perth Amboy Public School District, located in the City of Perth Amboy, is a historic 4.5 square-mile municipality resting along the shores of the beautiful Raritan Bay in Middlesex County. Our district provides a comprehensive and rigorous education for more than 11,000 students in Grades Pre-K through 12. For more information, please visit our website at www.paps.net.

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Lighthouse located in the bay of Perth Amboy
Faro ubicado en la bahía de Perth Amboy



Main gymnasium
Gimnasio principal



Auditorium hallway entrance
Pasillo de entrada al auditorio



Courtyard
Patio



Bridge connecting opposing sides
Puente que conecta lados opuestos



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Human Resources Challenges & Opportunities in Opening a 300 Million Dollar High School: Navigating the Journey Ahead

Desafíos y Oportunidades de Recursos Humanos al Abrir una Escuela Secundaria de 300 Millones de Dólares: **Navegando el Camino por Delante**

Dr. David A. Roman, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Delvis Rodriguez, Assistant Superintendent of Administration & Ms. Yolanda Gómez, Director of Personnel

Embarking on the journey to open a 300-million-dollar high school is not just a financial endeavor, it is a profound commitment to education, our community, and the future of our children. While the financial implications are significant, the successful implementation hinges on the strategic management of its human resources. A comprehensive approach is being employed to assess the needs and formulate a plan for such a monumental task. Acquiring and retaining top-tier quality educators, administrative staff, and support staff is paramount. The Department of Human Resources has taken a proactive approach in implementing effective recruitment and retention strategies. In collaboration with District leaders and staff members from our volunteer committee, the District hosted successful job fairs that yielded high dividends in recruiting a diverse pool of candidates. These events provided a platform for potential employees to learn about our District and its values, fostering a sense of connection prior to becoming part of the team. Offering competitive salaries and comprehensive benefits are crucial in attracting skilled professionals. In today's competitive job market, talented educators and staff members often have multiple options. *"I am a firm believer in building staff capacity and have focused on staff development needs. This focus will be more critical as we move forward to the opening of a 21st century high school,"* said Ms. Yolanda Gómez, Director of Personnel. A state-of-the-art educational facility of this magnitude is a venture that requires meticulous planning and strategic management of resources, particularly human capital. *The Department of Human Resources plays a central role in shaping the school's culture, ensuring compliance, fostering diversity, and building a team of dedicated professionals. By addressing these challenges proactively and seizing the opportunities, the District and school will create a nurturing environment where educators and students thrive, ultimately shaping the future of education and the leaders of tomorrow from the Perth Amboy community.*

Embarcarse en el viaje para abrir una escuela secundaria de 300 millones de dólares no es sólo un esfuerzo financiero; sino también un compromiso profundo con la educación, nuestra comunidad y el futuro de nuestros niños. Si bien las implicaciones financieras son importantes, la implementación exitosa depende de la gestión estratégica de sus recursos humanos. Para llevar a cabo esta tarea monumental es necesario un enfoque integral para evaluar las necesidades y formular un plan. Adquirir y retener educadores, personal administrativo y personal de apoyo de primer nivel es primordial. El Departamento de Recursos Humanos ha tomado un enfoque proactivo en la implementación de estrategias efectivas de reclutamiento y retención. En colaboración con los líderes del Distrito y miembros del personal de nuestro comité de voluntarios, el Distrito organizó ferias de empleo exitosas que generaron grandes dividendos al reclutar un grupo diverso de candidatos. Estos eventos brindaron una plataforma para que los empleados potenciales conocieran nuestro Distrito y sus valores, fomentando un sentido de conexión antes de convertirse en parte del equipo. Ofrecer salarios competitivos y beneficios integrales es crucial para atraer profesionales capacitados. En el competitivo mercado laboral actual, los educadores y miembros del personal a menudo tienen múltiples opciones. *"Creo firmemente en el desarrollo profesional y la capacitación de los empleados. Este enfoque será más crítico a medida que avancemos hacia la apertura de una escuela secundaria del siglo XXI,"* dijo la Sra. Yolanda Gómez, Directora de Recursos Humanos. Una instalación educativa de última generación de esta magnitud es un emprendimiento que requiere una planificación meticulosa y una gestión estratégica de los recursos, particularmente del capital humano. *El Departamento de Recursos Humanos desempeña un papel central en la configuración de la cultura de la escuela, garantizando el cumplimiento, fomentando la diversidad y formando un equipo de profesionales dedicados. Al abordar estos desafíos de manera proactiva y al aprovechar las oportunidades, el Distrito y la escuela crearán un ambiente enriquecedor donde los educadores y estudiantes prosperarán, dando forma en última instancia al futuro de la educación y a los líderes del mañana de la comunidad de Perth Amboy.*

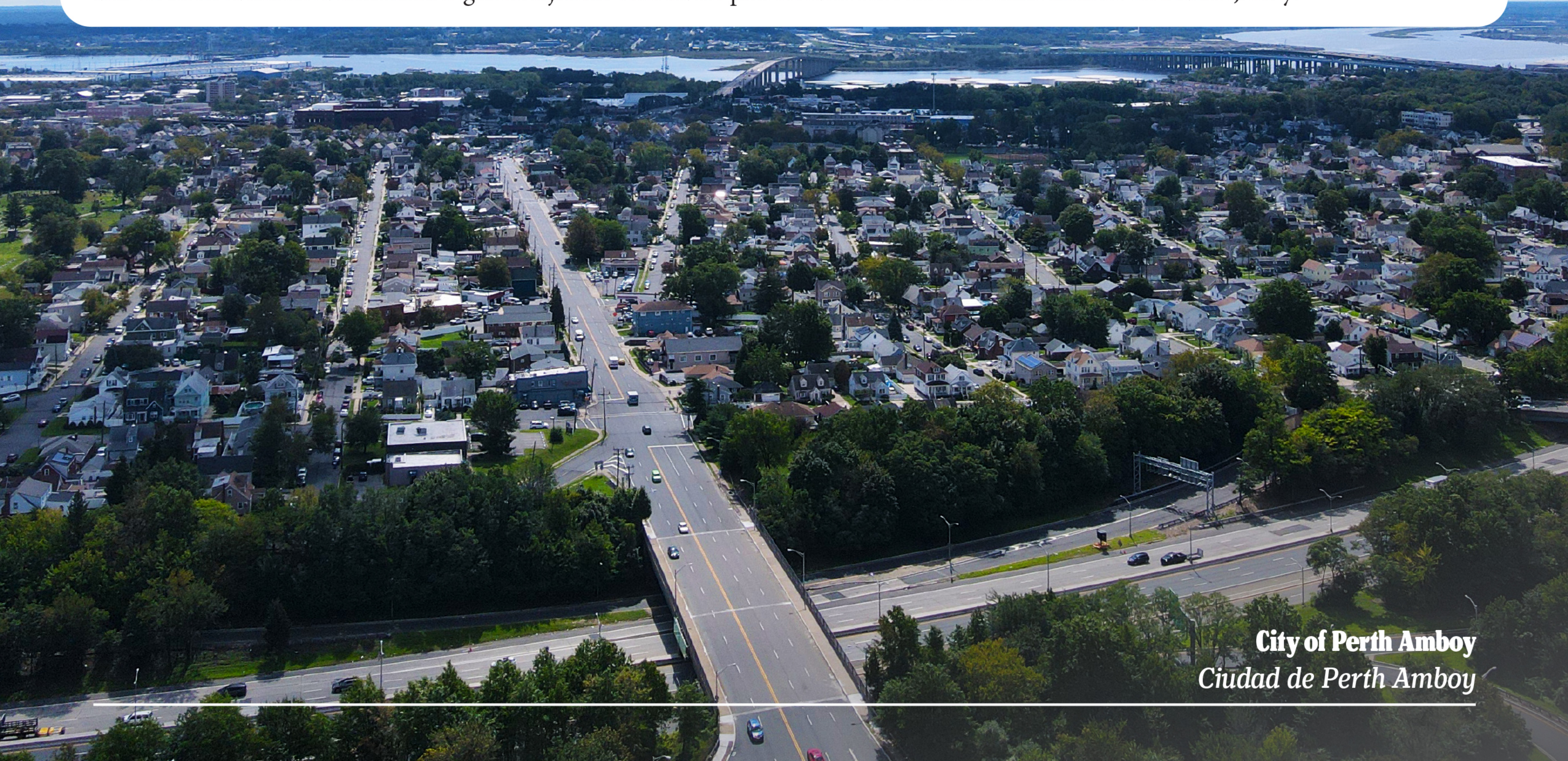
Logistical Planning for the New High School

Planificación Logística para la Nueva Escuela Secundaria

Dr. David A. Roman, Superintendent of Schools & Mr. Delvis Rodriguez, Assistant Superintendent of Administration

There is a great deal of planning taking place behind the scenes as the District works diligently towards opening the new high school. *One item of importance that has been at the forefront of recent discussions is pedestrian safety and traffic management around the new high school. The District, along with the City of Perth Amboy, and the State Department of Transportation are actively discussing ideas to help ensure travel to and from the new high school is safe for everyone. Two high-level meetings have occurred, with several scenarios and ideas shared among everyone. The primary focus of the discussions is centered around finding ways to slow traffic around Convery Boulevard while finding ways to raise awareness to the general public to cross the street at designated "corner" points.* The District will continue to work with the city and state to ensure these safety measures are enacted well before the high school opens in September 2024. As logistical planning continues, the District has also had several discussions about how to effectively maneuver within the new high school in order to work more efficiently. One item of discussion has been finding ways to help the security, custodial, and other pertinent staff travel from one side of the building to another as quickly as possible in case of an emergent situation. The District is looking at the possibility of purchasing "Segway" units and golf carts for staff to reduce the time it takes to traverse the building. To reach several large ceiling areas, the District has also discussed purchasing "scissor lifts" that would allow the custodial and maintenance teams to conduct simple tasks like changing a light bulb without having to request the assistance of an outside company. These are just a few examples of the discussions that are taking place behind the scenes. The District will continue to share what it is doing as it prepares for what will be one of the largest high schools ever built by the New Jersey Schools Development Authority.

Hay una gran cantidad de planificación que se está llevando a cabo detrás de escena mientras el Distrito trabaja diligentemente para abrir la nueva escuela secundaria. *Un tema de importancia que ha estado en el centro de las discusiones recientes es la seguridad de los peatones y el patrón de tráfico alrededor de la nueva escuela secundaria. El Distrito escolar, junto con la Ciudad de Perth Amboy y el Departamento de Transporte del Estado, están discutiendo activamente ideas para ayudar a garantizar que viajar desde y hacia la nueva escuela secundaria sea seguro para todos. Dos reuniones de alto nivel han ocurrido durante las cuales se compartieron y discutieron varios escenarios e ideas. El enfoque principal de las discusiones se centró en encontrar formas de reducir la velocidad del tráfico alrededor de Convery Boulevard y al mismo tiempo, encontrar formas de garantizar que el público en general cruce la calle en los puntos designados como las "esquinas."* El Distrito escolar continuará trabajando con la ciudad y el estado para garantizar que estas medidas de seguridad se implementen mucho antes de que la escuela secundaria abra en septiembre de 2024. A medida que continúa la planificación logística, el Distrito también ha tenido varias discusiones sobre cómo desplazarse efectivamente dentro de la nueva escuela secundaria para poder trabajar de manera más eficiente. Un tema de discusión ha sido encontrar formas de ayudar al personal de seguridad, conserjería y otro personal pertinente a desplazarse de un lado a otro del edificio lo más rápido posible en caso de una situación emergente. El Distrito está considerando la posibilidad de comprar unidades "Segway" y carritos de golf para que el personal reduzca el tiempo que lleva recorrer el edificio. Para llegar a varias áreas donde los techos son altos, el Distrito también ha discutido la compra de "elevadores de tijera" que permitirán a nuestros equipos de conserjería y mantenimiento realizar tareas simples como cambiar una bombilla de luz sin tener que solicitar la asistencia de una empresa externa. Estos son sólo algunos ejemplos de las discusiones que se están llevando a cabo tras bambalinas. El Distrito continuará compartiendo lo que está haciendo mientras se prepara para lo que será una de las escuelas secundarias más grandes jamás construida por la Autoridad de Desarrollo Escolar de Nueva Jersey.



City of Perth Amboy
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Furniture Selection Process for the New Perth Amboy High School

Proceso de Selección de Mobiliario para la Nueva Escuela Secundaria de Perth Amboy

Dr. David A. Roman, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Delvis Rodriguez, Assistant Superintendent of Administration, Dr. Damián O. Medina, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Jessica Neu, Director of Curriculum and Instruction & Dr. Courtney Pepe, Director of Information and Instructional Technology

The District is in the process of selecting furniture for the 576,000 square feet of space in the new Perth Amboy High School. The furniture selection process is programmatically driven. A variety of collaborators have met in sub-committees and engaged in collegial conversations about the furniture selection process. *The core of these conversations kept the best interests of students, teachers, leaders, staff, and the community at the forefront. The teams strategically searched for furniture designs that align with 21st century learning principles and are adaptable to meet the needs of all students and staff now and in years to come. Members of the Office of Curriculum and Instruction and Perth Amboy High School building administration were involved in recommending furniture options for both general and specialized spaces such as classrooms, offices, media center, special education and visual and performing art areas.* The District is working closely with the New Jersey Schools Development Authority to finalize the furniture that will furnish the building. *“As part of this process, we do not only want to secure furniture that is durable and high quality, but we also must consider that each piece is functional, versatile, and innovative, so that students can feel comfortable and engaged in their learning environment”* – Dr. Damián O. Medina, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction.

El Distrito está en el proceso de seleccionar el mobiliario para los 576,000 pies cuadrados de espacio de la nueva Escuela Secundaria de Perth Amboy. El proceso de selección de muebles está impulsado por nuestros programas e iniciativas curriculares. Un grupo diverso de miembros interesados se han reunido en subcomités y han participado en conversaciones colegiales sobre el proceso de selección de muebles. *El núcleo de estas conversaciones mantuvo en primer plano las necesidades de los estudiantes, los maestros, los líderes, el personal y la comunidad. Los equipos buscaron estratégicamente diseños de muebles que se alinean con los principios de aprendizaje del siglo XXI y que son adaptables para satisfacer las necesidades de todos los estudiantes y el personal ahora y en los años por venir. Los miembros de la Oficina de Currículo e Instrucción y la administración de la actual Escuela Secundaria de Perth Amboy participaron en la recomendación de opciones de mobiliario para espacios generales y especializados, como las aulas generales, oficinas, centro de medios, espacios de educación especial y áreas de artes visuales y escénicas.* El Distrito está trabajando en colaboración con la Autoridad de Desarrollo Escolar para identificar los muebles que llenaran el edificio. *“Como parte de este proceso, no sólo queremos conseguir muebles que sean duraderos y de alta calidad, sino que también debemos considerar que cada pieza sea funcional, versátil e innovadora, para que los estudiantes puedan sentirse cómodos e involucrados en su entorno de aprendizaje”* – Dr. Damián O. Medina, Asistente Superintendente de Currículo e Instrucción.

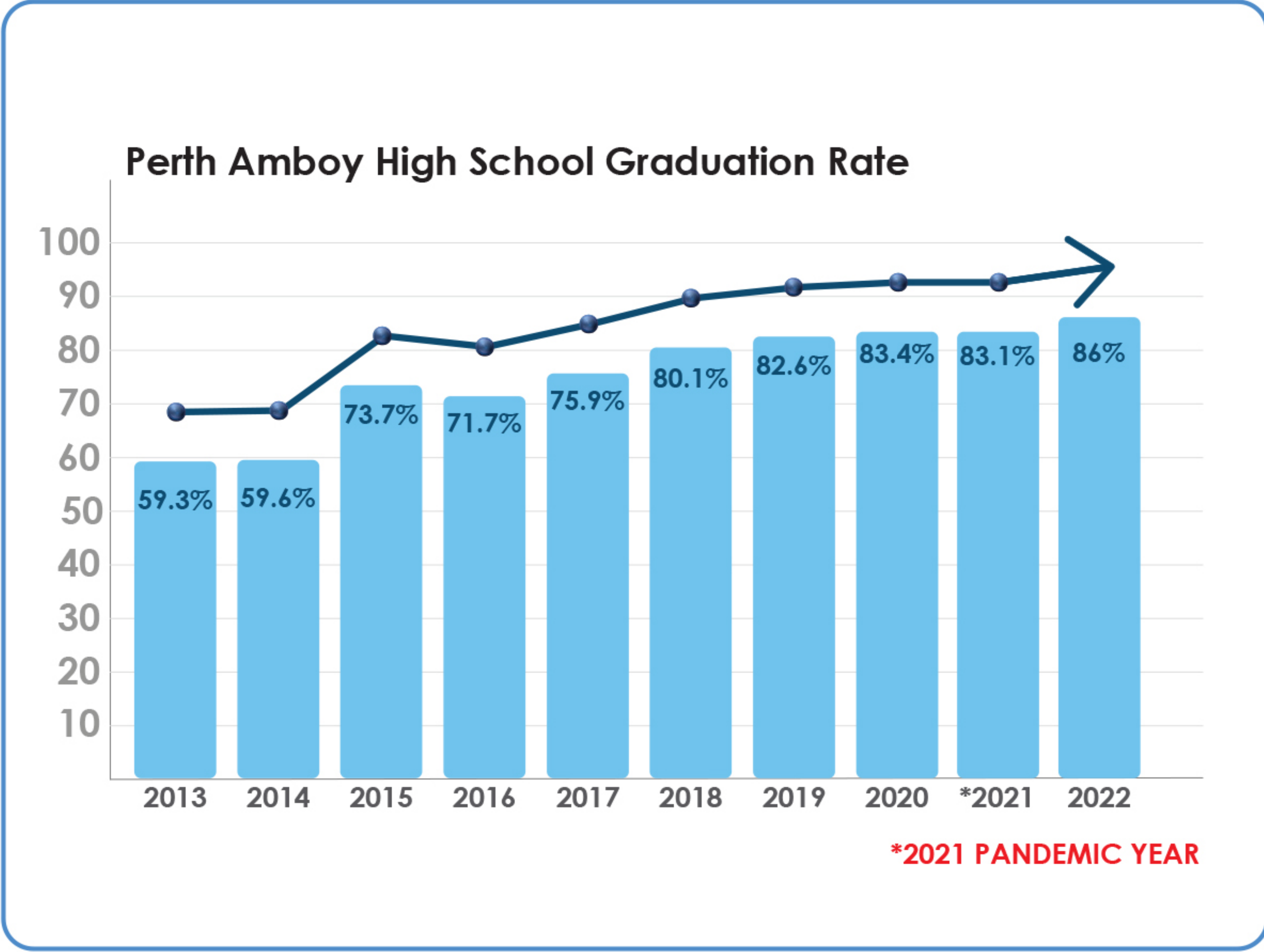


Perth Amboy High School Graduation Rate

Tasa de Graduación de la Escuela Secundaria de Perth Amboy
Dr. Damián O. Medina, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction,
Mr. Delvis Rodriguez, Assistant Superintendent of Administration & Dr. Jessica Neu, Director of Curriculum and Instruction

The Perth Amboy Public School District has undergone a renaissance since 2015. Under the leadership of Dr. David A. Roman, the entire school District was reorganized, reshaped, and recalibrated to best serve students, staff, and the community. State of the art facilities, top of the line technology, strong research-based curriculum resources and materials, and sustained professional development set the stage for more focused and rigorous instruction, which in turn resulted in more students graduating high school each year. *Back in 2013, the District graduation rates were about 59%. Ten years later, the District can proudly celebrate that 86% of its students graduated high school as per the 2021-2022 New Jersey Department of Education School Performance Report. The District is committed to maintaining this upward trend and ensuring more students successfully graduate high school.*

El Distrito Escolar de Perth Amboy ha experimentado un renacimiento desde el año 2015. Bajo el liderazgo del Dr. David A. Roman, todo el Distrito escolar fue reorganizado, reformado y recalibrado para servir mejor a los estudiantes, el personal y la comunidad. Instalaciones de última generación, tecnología de punta, desarrollo profesional sostenido, recursos y materiales curriculares rigurosos, sientan las bases para una instrucción más enfocada y exigente, lo que a su vez resultó en que más estudiantes se gradúen de la escuela secundaria cada año. *En el año 2013, el porcentaje de graduación del Distrito era aproximadamente 59%. Diez años después, el Distrito puede celebrar con orgullo que el 86% de nuestros estudiantes se graduaron de la escuela secundaria, según el último Informe de Desempeño Escolar del Departamento de Educación de Nueva Jersey del año escolar 2021-2022. El Distrito está comprometido a mantener esta tendencia ascendente y a garantizar que más estudiantes se gradúen con éxito de la escuela secundaria.*



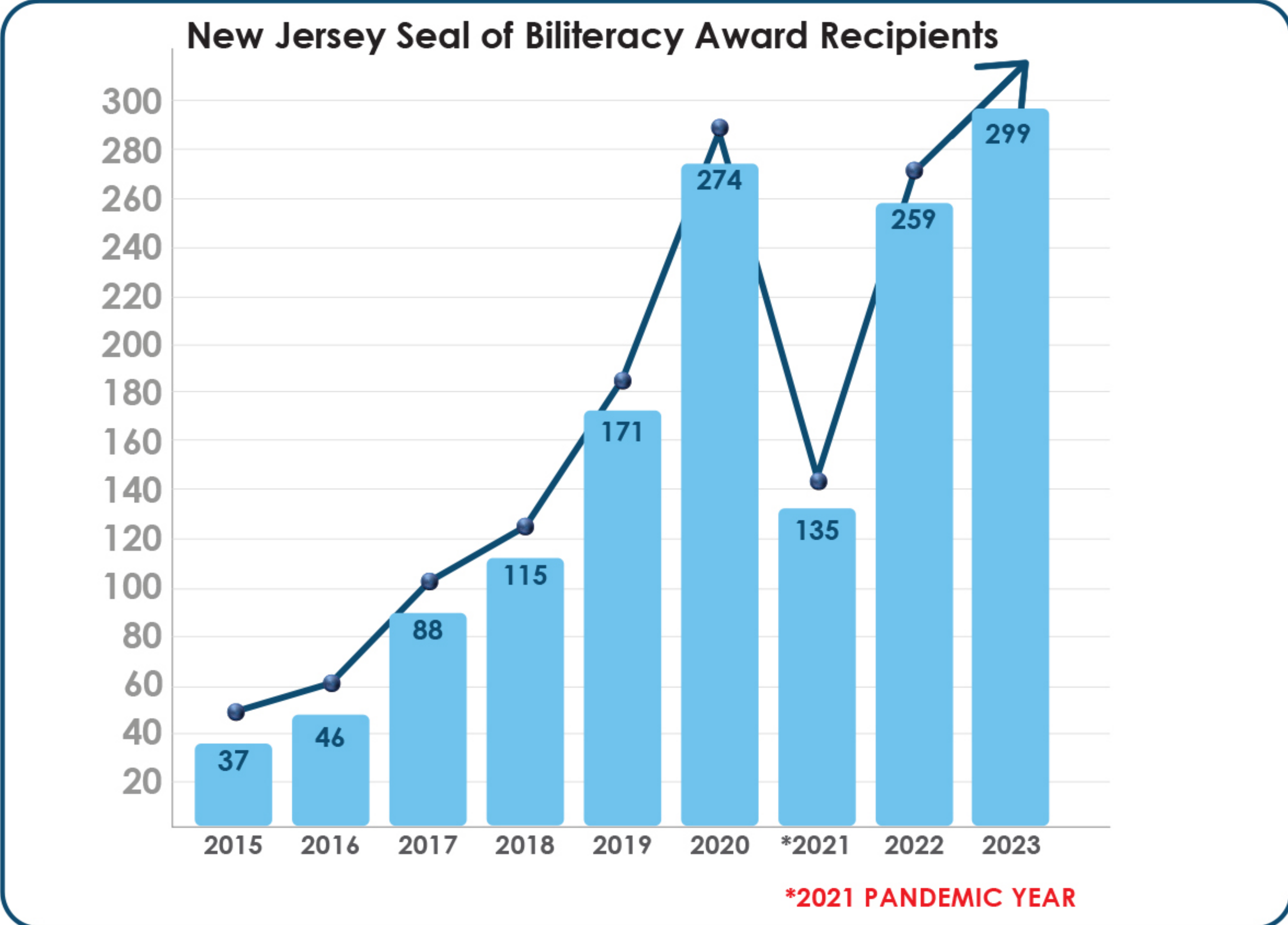
Seal of Biliteracy Award Recipients

Ganadores del Premio Sello de Alfabetización Bilingüe
Dr. David A. Roman, Superintendent of Schools,
Dr. Damián O. Medina, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction &
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Similar to the sustained growth of students graduating high school, the number of students graduating with the Seal of Biliteracy consistently increased over the years as well. Back in 2015, only 37 students graduated with the Seal of Biliteracy. These numbers have gradually increased each year leading to 259 students receiving the Seal of Biliteracy in 2022, and 299 are projected to receive the Seal of Biliteracy for the 2022-2023 school year, pending the release of the New Jersey School Performance Report. *These numbers speak to Perth Amboy’s commitment to bilingual and dual language education. As a District, we fully embrace the opportunity to promote biliteracy and bilingualism among our students. The District sees students’ native language as an asset that can help forge academic achievement, equity, and inclusion.*

De manera similar al crecimiento sostenido de los estudiantes que se gradúan de la escuela secundaria, el número de estudiantes que se gradúan con un Sello de Alfabetización Bilingüe también aumentó consistentemente en los últimos años. En el año 2015, solo 37 estudiantes se graduaron con el Sello de Alfabetización Bilingüe. Estas cifras han aumentado gradualmente cada año. En el año 2022, 259 estudiantes recibieron el Sello de Alfabetización Bilingüe y se proyecta que 299 estudiantes recibirán el Sello de Alfabetización Bilingüe para el año escolar 2022-2023, en espera de la publicación del Informe de Desempeño Escolar de Nueva Jersey. *Estas cifras hablan del compromiso de Perth Amboy con la educación bilingüe. Como Distrito, aprovechamos plenamente la oportunidad de promover la alfabetización bilingüe entre nuestros estudiantes. El Distrito ve el idioma nativo de los estudiantes como una ventaja sobre la cual podemos ayudar a forjar el rendimiento académico, la equidad y la inclusión.*



Perth Amboy High School, Class of 2022
Escuela Secundaria de Perth Amboy, Clase de 2022

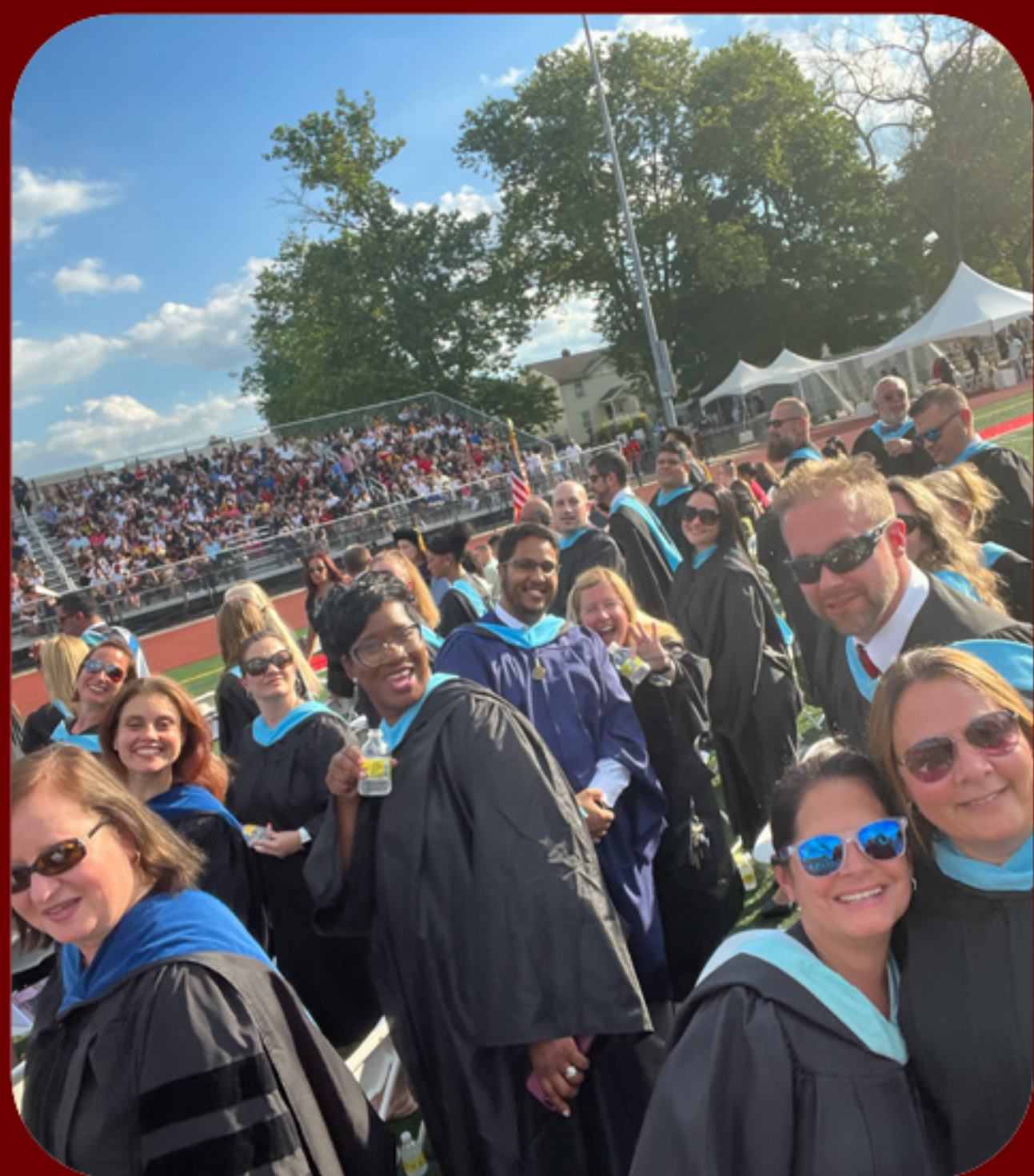
"Through the Years"













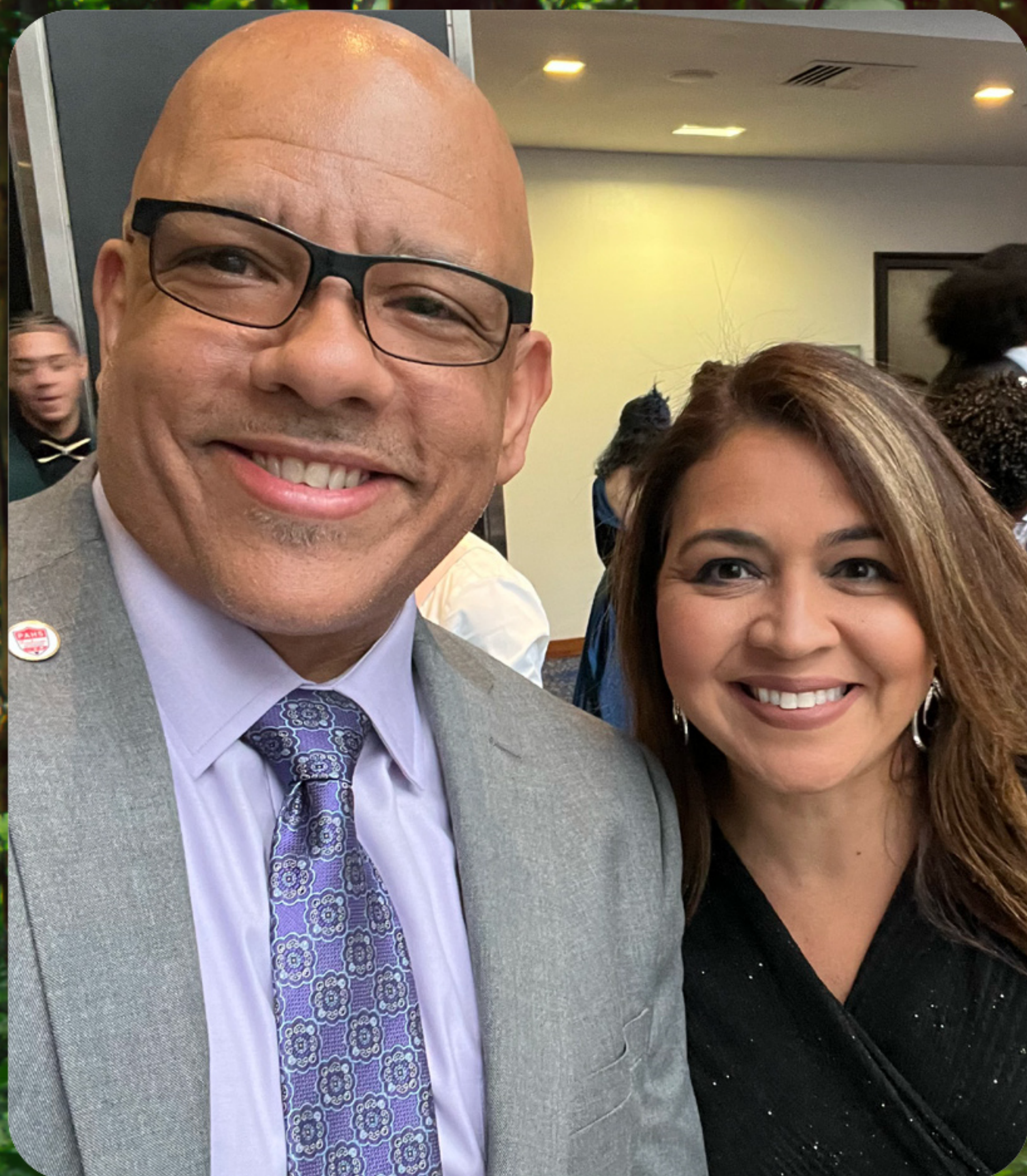
New Freshman Academy Principal: Extending a Big Welcome

Nueva Principal de la Academia para Estudiantes de Primer Año: Extendemos una Gran Bienvenida

Dr. David A. Roman, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Delvis Rodriguez, Assistant Superintendent of Administration, Dr. Damián O. Medina, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction & Ms. Yolanda Gómez, Director of Personnel

The Perth Amboy School District has taken significant steps to ensure a seamless transition for students moving from middle school to high school through the establishment of the Freshman Academy. As we relocate to the largest high school in New Jersey, the commitment to maintaining the integrity of this Academy will remain unwavering, thanks to the dedicated leadership of Ms. Karla Garcia, who will be at the helm of the Freshman Academy along with Mr. Keith Guarino who will be leading the upper grades. *The Perth Amboy School District is poised for a future of educational excellence. The District's commitment to nurturing not only academic prowess but also character through Perseverance, Respect, Integrity, Determination, and Excellence (PRIDE) is embodied in the vision of these dedicated leaders. Their combined expertise promises an enriching environment where students can thrive academically, emotionally, and socially.*

El Distrito Escolar de Perth Amboy ha tomado medidas importantes para garantizar una sólida transición para los estudiantes que pasan de la escuela intermedia a la secundaria mediante el establecimiento de la Academia de Primer Año. A medida que nos mudamos a la escuela secundaria más grande de Nueva Jersey, el compromiso de mantener la integridad de esta Academia seguirá siendo inquebrantable, gracias al liderazgo de la Sra. Karla García, quien estará al frente de la Academia de Primer Año y trabajará junto al Sr. Keith Guarino, quien estará al frente de los grados superiores. *El Distrito Escolar de Perth Amboy está preparado para un futuro de excelencia educativa. El compromiso del Distrito para fomentar no sólo la destreza académica sino también el carácter a través de la Perseverancia, el Respeto, la Integridad, la Determinación y la Excelencia (PRIDE) está plasmado en la visión de estos dedicados líderes. Su experiencia combinada promete un entorno enriquecedor donde los estudiantes pueden prosperar de manera académica, emocional y social.*



New Perth Amboy High School Principal: Extending a Big Welcome

Nuevo Principal de la Escuela Secundaria de Perth Amboy: Extendemos una Gran Bienvenida

Dr. David A. Roman, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Delvis Rodriguez, Assistant Superintendent of Administration, Dr. Damián O. Medina, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction & Ms. Yolanda Gómez, Director of Personnel

Starting on November 13, 2023, Mr. Keith Guarino's journey took a new turn as he stepped into the role of Principal of Perth Amboy High School Main Campus. His four-year tenure as Principal of the Freshman Academy has been a source of immense joy. During this time, he has nurtured a close-knit school community, fostered strong connections and learned alongside students, colleagues, parents, and community members. The culture of kindness and growth that he has cultivated has undeniably made its mark on Perth Amboy. Principal Guarino holds strong confidence that the shared mission and vision established at the Freshman Academy will continue to thrive. The support that he has received from the school community has been deeply moving. He expresses profound gratitude for the opportunity to have served the parents, staff, and students of the Freshman Academy. Ms. Karla Garcia, currently the Personalized Learning Program Principal, will assume the role of Principal at the Freshman Academy and will work side by side with Mr. Guarino as the Principal of the Perth Amboy High School.

Apartir del 13 de noviembre de 2023, la trayectoria del Sr. Keith Guarino da un nuevo giro cuando asume el cargo de Principal en el Campus Central de la Escuela Secundaria de Perth Amboy. Su mandato de cuatro años como Principal de la Academia de Primer Año ha sido una fuente de inmensa alegría. Durante este tiempo ha nutrido una comunidad escolar muy unida, fomentando fuertes conexiones y aprendizaje junto a estudiantes, colegas, padres y miembros de la comunidad. Sin lugar a duda, la cultura de bondad que ha cultivado ha dejado su huella en Perth Amboy. El Sr. Guarino está convencido que la misión y la visión establecidas en la Academia de Primer Año seguirán prosperando. El apoyo y la aceptación que ha recibido de la comunidad escolar han sido profundamente conmovedores. El Sr. Guarino expresa profunda gratitud por la oportunidad de servir a los padres, el personal y los estudiantes de la Academia de Primer Año. La Sra. Karla García, actualmente Principal del Programa de Aprendizaje Personalizado asumirá el papel de Principal en la Academia de Primer Año. El Sr. Guarino tiene plena fe en que dejará la Academia de Primer Año en manos altamente capacitadas, mientras el asume su nuevo rol de Principal en la Escuela Secundaria de Perth Amboy.



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